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1. During the last six months the Netherlands Communist Party (CPN) has been concentrating on work in factories and trade unions. An effort is being made by the Party to contact workers in trade unions other than the Eenheids Vak Centrale (United Trade Union Central - EVC). The Nederlands Verbond van Vakverenigingen (Netherlands Trade Unions Confederation - NVV), in particular has become a CPN objective.
2. Algemeen Nederlands Jeugd Verbond (Netherlands General Youth Movement - ANJV):

This organization has been attempting to incite hostility toward the war in Indonesia among the members of the Dutch armed forces. Slogans have appeared along public thoroughfares and notices posted on public buildings at night, calling for an end to the "colonial war". The garrison commander at The Hague forbade the personnel of his command to attend the ANJV meeting scheduled for 23 February.

Dirk Ferkelder and Gerrit van Praag, both of The Hague and members of ANJV, were arrested in the spring of 1949 for compiling and circulating a seditious pamphlet in a barracks at Chaam. This incident has been the occasion for a demonstration and protest meeting of ANJV members in The Hague.

ANJV is working toward a closer contact with the CPN. In many instances regular consultations have been held between the secretary-general of the CPN, Paul de Groot, and responsible ANJV officers. The Central Committee of ANJV has appealed to the Organization's members to lend the fullest support possible to the Communist election campaign.

In February ANJV commenced publication of a bimonthly cadre organ, De Voorhoede, (The Vanguard). This publication replaces the periodical Kader (Cadre).

3. Organisatie Progressieve Studeerende Jeugd (Organization of Progressive Student Youth - OPSJ):

This organization has been leading a campaign protesting the influence of the Military in secondary schools and gymnasiums. The CPN newspaper,

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De Waarheid, is lending full support to this campaign. OPSJ officials have urged all students to report "war propaganda" at once to the Organization's central committee.

4. Nederlandse Pioniersbond (Dutch Pioneer Movement):

This Organization is designed to replace the abolished Young Workers' Union and is closely affiliated with the ANJV. Its purpose is to attract boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 16, a group which the ANJV does not reach. The Pioneer Movement is modelled after the scouts, and it is intended to supply the ANJV with future recruits, as ANJV members are trained for CPN membership. Boys and girls in the Dutch Pioneer Movement are separated into two groups.

5. The Committee for Help to Indonesia:

This Committee, backed by the EVC, ANJV and OPSJ, sponsored a "Free Asia Week" in Amsterdam from 13 to 20 March. According to source, very little was achieved by this program except that the Committee collected money to help Indonesian students who have refused to continue their scholarships as a protest against Dutch colonial policy.

6. Algemene Bond Van Werkers in Het Mijnbedrijf (General Union of Mineworkers - ABWM):

The Central Committee of ABWM recently decided to expel J. Hubertus Hermans from that organization. Hermans, who is a coal miner by trade, was one of the Communist members of the First Chamber of the States-General (Dutch Parliament) and is still an active CPN member. His expulsion, according to source, has aroused bitterness among the Communist sympathizers within ABWM. All efforts on the part of this group to regain admittance for Hermans into the union have thus far been in vain.

7. Bond van Socialistische Zang - en Muziekverenigingen in Nederland (Union of Socialist Choral and Musical Societies in The Netherlands - BSZMN):

This Union was formed on 22 June 1946. Its members adhere to Marxist principles, and it is the group which customarily provides entertainment at meetings and demonstrations sponsored by the CPN, the EVC and the Netherlands-USSR Society. Its president is Jeanne van Gelder-Scheffer.

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